

Amendments to the Claims

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A method comprising:

- a) generating through operation of at least one computer, a plurality of private keys and for each private key, a corresponding public key;
- b) storing data corresponding to each of the private keys generated in (a) in at least one data storage store through operation of at least one computer, wherein the data corresponding to each private key is stored in correlated relation with data representative of at least one of an individual and a financial account identifying number associated with a respective individual;
- c) providing at least one card to each of a plurality of individuals, wherein each card includes machine readable data corresponding to at least one of an individual to whom the card is provided and a financial account identifying number associated with the individual to whom the card is provided;
- d) operating one of a plurality of automated transaction machines (ATMs) to: (i) read data from a card presented by one of the plurality of individuals to the one machine; (ii) display a visual representation of an electronic document through at

least one output device in operative connection with the one machine; and (iii) cause the electronic document to be digitally signed using a private key retrieved from the at least one data storage store responsive to the data read from the card, through communication between the one machine and at least one remote server in operative connection with the at least one data storage store, wherein each of the automated transaction machines is operative to communicate with the at least one remote server.

18. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, and further comprising, including on each card provided in (c) a visible digital signature service source indicator mark, and further comprising including on each of the plurality of automated transaction machines, a visible digital signature service source indicator mark which visually corresponds to the visible digital signature service source indicator mark on each of the cards provided in (c).

19. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the one automated transaction machine includes a cash dispenser and further comprising dispensing cash through operation of the cash dispenser.

20. (previously presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein in (c) each card provided is at least one of a credit card, debit card and a bank card.